



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants and loans, employment opportunities and miscellaneous information. Input and feedback are appreciated. For information, contact M. Castain 415-972-3264; email [castain.maria@epa.gov](mailto:castain.maria@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>.

United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 9, San Francisco, California

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# Tribal Program Newsletter

## Meetings and Conferences


### Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

Jul 23-26	National Forum on Contaminants in Fish	Portland, ME	<a href="http://epa.gov/waterscience/fish/">http://epa.gov/waterscience/fish/</a>
Jul 24-26	RTOC Meeting	Pechanga, CA	Hillary Hecht, 415-972-3790 or <a href="mailto:hecht.hillary@epa.gov">hecht.hillary@epa.gov</a>
Aug. 22-23	Tribal Children's Environmental Health Summit. Priority will be given to members and staffs of tribes in regions 6, 8, and 10, but it is open to everyone	Denver, CO	Eric Byous at <a href="mailto:byous.eric@epa.gov">byous.eric@epa.gov</a> or 415-972-3531
Oct 15-16	RTOC Meeting in conjunction with the Tribal Annual Conference	Elko, NV	Hillary Hecht, 415-972-3790 or <a href="mailto:hecht.hillary@epa.gov">hecht.hillary@epa.gov</a>
Oct 17-19	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Conference, Region 9	Elko, NV	Lilia Dignan, 415-972-3779 or <a href="mailto:dignan.lilia@epa.gov">dignan.lilia@epa.gov</a>


### Sponsor: Navajo Nation EPA

 Jul 31-Aug. 2	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Navajo Nation Drinking Water Conference	Gallup, NM	Michelle K. Silver, 928-871-7759 or: <a href="http://www.navajopublicwater.org">www.navajopublicwater.org</a>
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### Sponsor: USCG and EPA

 Aug. 22-23	Mainland Region Response Team (RRT)	San Pedro, CA	<a href="http://www.uscg.mil/d11/m/rtr9web/schedule.htm">http://www.uscg.mil/d11/m/rtr9web/schedule.htm</a>
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### Sponsors: Numerous local, state and federal agencies as well as private companies:

 Sept 4-7	Continuing Challenge Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Workshop	Sacramento, CA	Angie Proboszcz, 415-972-3077, <a href="mailto:proboszcz.angie@epa.gov">proboszcz.angie@epa.gov</a> <a href="http://www.hazmat.org">http://www.hazmat.org</a>
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 Nov 5-8	HazMat Explo	Las Vegas, NV	Angie Proboszcz, 415-972-3077, <a href="mailto:proboszcz.angie@epa.gov">proboszcz.angie@epa.gov</a> <a href="http://hazmatexplo.org/">http://hazmatexplo.org/</a>
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### Sponsor: Sustainable Development Institute


Jun 11-15	Sharing Indigenous Wisdom: An International Dialogue on Sustainable Development Conference	Green Bay, WI	<a href="http://www.SharingIndigenousWisdom.org">www.SharingIndigenousWisdom.org</a> or <a href="http://SustainableDevelopmentInstitute">Sustainable Development Institute</a>
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## Trainings

### Sponsor: EPA, Region 9


 Jun 19	California Tribal Interagency Solid Waste Workgroup Meeting	Oakland, CA	Elizabeth Forsyth, 415 972-3380 <a href="mailto:forsyth.elizabeth@epa.gov">forsyth.elizabeth@epa.gov</a>
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**Sponsor: The Northwest Environmental Training Center (NWETC)**

Jun 19-20	Introduction to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	Oakland, CA	Kristine Robson, 206-762-1976; <a href="mailto:krobson@nwetc.org">krobson@nwetc.org</a>
 Jul 10-11	Monitored Natural Attenuation of Petroleum and Chlorinated Hydrocarbons in Soil and Groundwater	Sacramento, CA	<a href="http://www.nwetc.org/ghyd-410A_07-07_sacramento.htm">http://www.nwetc.org/ghyd-410A_07-07_sacramento.htm</a>

For complete listing of the (NWETC) brochure, contact them 650 S. Orcas Street, Suite 220, Seattle, Washington 98108, Phone: (206)762-1976, Fax: (206)762-1979; [www.nwetc.org](http://www.nwetc.org)


**Sponsor: The Institute for Indian Estate Planning and Probate, Seattle University School of Law**

 Jun 11	Indian Law 101	Seattle, WA	<a href="http://www.legalspan.com/ilp">www.legalspan.com/ilp</a>
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**Sponsor: The Grants Institute**


Jun 25-27	Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop	Raleigh, NC	Call 888-824- 4424 or <a href="mailto:info@thegrantinstitute.com">info@thegrantinstitute.com</a>
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**Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)**

 Sept 25-27	Air Pollution and Ecosystems	Las Vegas, NV	Sue Rose, 928-523-1488 <a href="mailto:susan.rose@nau.edu">susan.rose@nau.edu</a>
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ITEP is looking for tribal staff members currently engaged in conducting environmental inspections who would be interested in acting as tribal instructors for ITEP courses. If interested, contact Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840. For a complete listing of course catalog call Lydia Scheer, Training Coordinator, 928-523-6887 or visit: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp>

**National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)**

 Jun 12-14	CERCLA Financial Responsibility Training	Seattle, WA	<a href="http://www.netionline.com">www.netionline.com</a>
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EPA's NETI online training resource site provides access to course registration, training products, online classrooms, and e-mail updates. If you have any questions, call Arthur Totten 202-564-7164; fax: 202-564-0072; email: [totten.arthur@epa.gov](mailto:totten.arthur@epa.gov) or go to the following Web site for the most up-to-date list of enforcement and compliance courses offered: <http://www.envirofieldschool.com> or <http://www.netionline.com>

**Nielsen Field School**

Contact the school at [info@envirofieldschool.com](mailto:info@envirofieldschool.com), call 740-965-5026 or visit the following Web site at [www.envirofieldschool.com](http://www.envirofieldschool.com) for course outlines, testimonials, course instructor information, or to register.

**Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars**

A brochure for training seminars is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 505-281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

## **Grants and Loans**

### **Grants.gov**

Funding from the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for award. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, applicants are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>. Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).



### **Recycling Consumer Electronics**

Best Buy Co. requests proposals for Consumer Electronics Recycling Grants. This program seeks to increase recycling opportunities available to communities across the United States. Support is provided for events hosted by 501(c) (3) nonprofit organizations, and for events hosted by other organizations in cities and townships across the country. Grant range \$500 to \$1.5K. Responses accepted on an ongoing basis. For more information, go to: <http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/recycling.asp>.

## **U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**



### **Climate Change, Land Use Change and Invasive Species**

EPA and USDA request proposals for Ecological Impacts from the Interactions of Climate Change, Land Use Change and Invasive Species. The purpose of this joint solicitation is to quantitatively investigate areas including but not limited to the establishment, abundance and distribution of invasive species, and the affect of chemical, biological and mechanical management of invasive species. \$3.9 million is expected to be available and up to 8 awards are anticipated. Responses are due June 26. For more info, contact Brandon Jones at [jones.brandon@epa.gov](mailto:jones.brandon@epa.gov) or go to: [http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007\\_star\\_ecoimpacts.html](http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007_star_ecoimpacts.html).



### **Resource Conservation Grants - Region 8**

EPA, Region 8, requests proposals for the Resource Conservation Grant Program, for projects that address solid waste reduction, recycling, priority chemical reduction, and waste tires management at the local, state, regional and/or national levels. Projects must take place in Region 8 states which include: CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, and WY. For more information, contact Benjamin Bents at [bents.benjamin@epa.gov](mailto:bents.benjamin@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=13390&mode=VIEW>.



### **Clean School Bus USA – Regions 3 and 5**

EPA, Regions 3 and 5, request proposals for Clean School Bus USA. This program is designed to reduce children's exposure to diesel exhaust from school buses. Activities may include, but are not limited to, emissions-control technologies, vehicle and engine replacement, cleaner burning fuels and idling reduction strategies. Region 3 projects must take place within DE, D.C., MD, PA, VA, or WV. \$680K is expected to be available and up to 10 awards anticipated. Responses are due June 26. For more information, contact Bill Jones at [jones.bill@epa.gov](mailto:jones.bill@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/reg3artd/diesel/news.htm>. Region 5 projects must take place within IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, or WI. \$700K is expected to be available and up to 10 awards are anticipated. Responses are due June 22. For more information, contact Julie Henning at [Henning.Julie@epa.gov](mailto:Henning.Julie@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/midwestcleandiesel/grants/csbrfp-2007.html>.



### **Workshops for Wastewater Management**

EPA requests proposals for Training Workshops for Wastewater Management. Through this initiative, EPA seeks proposals to plan, prepare, and conduct workshops on the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution. Priority areas include but are not limited to water and wastewater infrastructure financing; biosolids regulators technology and management; and concentrated animal feeding operations workshop support. \$549K is expected to be available, and up to 5 awards are anticipated. Responses are due June 11. For more information, contact Barry Benroth at [benroth.barry@epa.gov](mailto:benroth.barry@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/wastewatergrants/>.



### **Pollution Prevention Information Network**

EPA requests proposals for Pollution Prevention (P2) Information Network grants. This program assists businesses and industries in identifying better environmental strategies and solutions for reducing or eliminating waste at the source, across all environmental media: air, water, and land. \$800K is expected to be available and up to 8 awards are anticipated. Responses due June 11. For more information, contact Beth Anderson at [anderson.beth@epa.gov](mailto:anderson.beth@epa.gov) or go to: <http://epa.gov/p2/pubs/grants/ppin/ppin07.htm>.



### **Source Reduction Grants – 8 Regions**

EPA requests proposals for the Source Reduction Assistance Grants Program, for projects in EPA Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10. For purposes of this RFP, source reduction is defined as any practice which reduces or eliminates the creation of pollutants through increased efficiency in the use of raw materials, energy, water, or other resources, or protection of natural resources by conservation. EPA is interested in funding projects which assist in reducing hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants entering waste streams or otherwise released into the environment prior to recycling, treatment, or disposal. \$1 million is expected to be available and up to 40 awards are anticipated. Responses are due June 18. For more information, including Region-specific contacts and priority areas, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/p2/pubs/grants/srap07.htm>.



### **Community Environmental Health – NE Indiana**

EPA requests proposals for Northeast Indiana Community Environmental Health Initiative Asthma/Environmental Tobacco Smoke Community Based Projects. The focus of this RFP is to assist community members impacted by asthma with identifying environmental asthma triggers in their homes, schools, daycares and other venues where children are present. \$50K is expected to be available, up to 2 awards anticipated. Responses are due June 15. For more information, contact Lara Lasky at [lasky.lara@epa.gov](mailto:lasky.lara@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region5/air/>.



### **Healthful Homes/Healthful Schools Grants**

EPA, Region 5, requests proposals for Healthful Homes/Healthful Schools Grants, for work that supports community based efforts to reduce the exposure of children with asthma to environmental asthma triggers in their homes and/or schools. Project must benefit EPA Region 5 which includes IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI. Up to \$125K expected to be available, individual awards NTE \$55K. Responses are due June 15. For more information, contact Helen Tsiapas at [tsiapas.helen@epa.gov](mailto:tsiapas.helen@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region5/air/>.



### **Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants – Region 9**

EPA, Region 9, requests proposals for Indoor Environments: Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants. This initiative supports demonstration, training, outreach and/or education agreements which reduce exposure to indoor air pollutants in K-12 schools and homes, and which yield measurable environmental outcomes. Project must benefit EPA Region 9 which includes AZ, CA, NV, HI, and the Pacific Islands. \$130K expected to be

available, up to 5 awards anticipated. Responses due June 8. For more information, contact Shelly Rosenblum at [Rosenblum.Shelly@epa.gov](mailto:Rosenblum.Shelly@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/reduce-indoorair-2007.html>.



### **Environmental and Health Impacts of School Sites**

EPA requests proposals for Reducing the Environmental and Health Impacts of School Sites. The focus of this initiative is on state-level decision-making regarding capital investments in the renovation or expansion of existing schools and the sites and construction of new schools. \$501K is expected to be available, and one award is anticipated. Responses are due July 7. For more information, contact Tim Torma at [torma.tim@epa.gov](mailto:torma.tim@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/grants/opei0704.htm>.



### **Smart Growth and Emergency Response**

EPA requests proposals for Smart Growth Streets and Emergency Response. Smart growth development practices focus on the protection of sensitive habitats and watersheds, the reduction of air emissions by increasing transportation choices, and the cleanup and sustainable redevelopment of brownfields. Through this RFP, EPA seeks partnerships to engage in a problem-solving process to simultaneously meet the needs for emergency response with the design of smart growth streets. \$500K is expected to be available and up to 3 awards are anticipated. Responses are due June 15. For more information, contact Mary Kay Bailey at [bailey.marykay@epa.gov](mailto:bailey.marykay@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/grants/opei0701.htm>.

### **EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes**

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, and individuals, for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

## **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**



### **Housing Preservations Grants (HPG)**

USDA Rural Housing Service requests proposals for the HPG Program. HPG supports organizations that help very low- and low-income homeowners to repair and rehabilitate their homes in rural areas. HPG also provides this assistance to rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes if they agree to make such units available to low- and very low-income persons. \$10.1 million is expected to be available and up to 100 awards are anticipated. Responses are due June 18.. For more information contact Bonnie Edwards at [Bonnie.Edwards@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Bonnie.Edwards@wdc.usda.gov) or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=13592&mode=VIEW>.



### **Rural Cooperative Development**

USDA requests proposals for Rural Cooperative Development Grants. This program seeks to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. Grant funds are provided for the establishment and operation of Centers that have the expertise or who can contract out for the expertise to assist individuals or entities in the startup, expansion or operational improvement of cooperative businesses. In FY05,



the NW Cooperative Development Center helped start up a wind energy cooperative. \$3.5 million is expected to be available and up to 18 awards anticipated. Responses due June 8. For more information, contact the appropriate USDA State Office ([www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg/Contacts.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg/Contacts.htm)) or go to: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg/rcdg.htm>.

### **Local Governments Reimbursements (LGR)**

The LGR program provides federal funds to local governments for costs related to temporary emergency measures conducted in response to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances. The program serves as a "safety net" to provide supplemental funding (up to \$25,000 per incident) to local governments that do not have funds available to pay for these response actions. Eligible local governments include cities, towns, townships, counties, and federally-recognized Indian Tribes. Typical incidents include transportation accidents, abandoned drums, former methamphetamine labs, chemical spills and accidents, as well as threats that any hazardous substance may be released. If local hazardous material responders incurred expenses to an incident on tribal lands or within their jurisdiction, tribes may seek cost reimbursement from the EPA within one year of the response. The Region 9 contact for the LGR program is Hedy Salter at 415-972-3046. Further information on the program can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/lgr/index.htm>; or by calling the LGR Helpline at 800-431-9209 and asking for an application package to keep on hand. For additional information about these procedures contact Daniel Meer at 415- 972-3132 or by email at [meer.daniel@epa.gov](mailto:meer.daniel@epa.gov).

### **Integrated Waste Management Board**

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316

### **Housing and Community Development in California**

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones 916-319-8402 or email [ajones@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:ajones@hcd.ca.gov)

### **California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants**

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877-408-9310.

### **California Endowment Program**

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call 800-449-4149.

### **Funding Sources for Communities**

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html> For more information, call Jessica Counts 415-972-3288.

### **The California Department of Water Resources**

The 2007 Proposal Solicitation for Water Use Efficiency is a two step process. In Step 1, the applicant will submit (on-line) a concept proposal. Applicants with concept proposals meeting specific criteria and requirements will be asked to submit a detailed and full proposal for funding consideration. If you have any questions, please e-mail [wue@water.ca.gov](mailto:wue@water.ca.gov) or 916-651-9666 or email [baryohay@water.ca.gov](mailto:baryohay@water.ca.gov)

### **Economic Development**

The U.S. Economic Development Administration requests proposals under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, and the Trade Act of 1974. This program supports projects that promote comprehensive, entrepreneurial and innovation-based economic development efforts to enhance the competitiveness of regions, resulting in increased private investment and higher-skill, higher wage jobs in areas experiencing substantial and persistent economic distress. \$250.7 million is expected to be available, proposals accepted on a continuous basis. For more information, go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=13169&mode=VIEW>.

## **Employment Opportunities**



### **North Fork Mono Rancheria**

The Rancheria has an opening for an environmental director. The salary range is \$48,159 -- \$62,605 per year. Under the general direction of the Tribal Administrator, the director will plan, direct, supervise, and coordinate the activities of the Tribe's Environmental Protection Department. The requirements are a B.S. in Natural Resource Science, Environmental Planning, or other related field with three years of successful experience working in the area of environmental programs and one year experience administering environmental grants/contract program(s). This position will remain open until filled. Please call 559-877-2461 for an application package.



### **San Manuel Band of Mission Indians**

The Environmental Manager will direct, supervise and coordinate the monitoring and protecting of the land, air and water resources for the Tribe in light of its economic, cultural and political objectives. This position oversees the administration of Environmental Protection Agency grant funds and Tribal funds in the implementation of grant program objectives; Responsibilities include interviewing, hiring, and training employees; planning, assigning, and directing work; appraising performance; Creating, revising, implementing and evaluating EPA grant work plans; Submitting required EPA grant quarterly reports and applications. Contact information: If interested in this position, please apply at [www.CareerBuilder.com](http://www.CareerBuilder.com) by typing in keywords "San Manuel" and pulling up the job description for "Environmental Manager." Or call Grant Administrator Mike Layne at: 909-425-3590, ext. 4336. Position opened until filled.

### **Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Water Resources Engineer**

Under supervision of the Division Manager (Water Resources), plans, manages, and conducts water resources related engineering projects, including design, supervision of contracts and contractors, planning and supervision of survey and engineering technician staff. This position is treated as an FLSA exempt position. For additional information about the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community please visit the website at: <http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov>. To download a job application or apply on-line go to: <http://www.srpmicjobs.com> If you have any questions or would like more information about current job openings, please call the Human Resources Job Line at 480-850-8299 or the Reception Desk at 480-850-8096, or email [employment@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:employment@srpmic-nsn.gov).

### **Cabazon Band of Mission Indians**

This opening is for an air compliance specialist. For more information, contact Becky J. Ross 760-342-2593, ext. 84778

### **Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA)**

ITCA seeks a person who will administer project activities in accordance with EPA grants, which include: developing and implementing work plan activities, preparing and monitoring program budgets, producing written and verbal reports, and coordinating and facilitating meetings, workshops and technical training sessions. Submit or FAX resumes to: ITCA, 2214 North Central Avenue, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85004, Attn: Bette Hartsfield, Human Resources Specialist or call 602 258-4822 or FAX 602-258-4825. This position will remain open until filled.

### **Environmental Coordinator**

The Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians has an opening for an environmental coordinator. The person hired will be responsible for the development, analyses, and coordination of the environmental and water departments. The ideal candidate must be able to work in a team environment and be a self-starter, with little supervision, must be computer literate (knowledge of Microsoft Office, GIS a plus), must have experience with analytical chemistry and/or microbiology, and must have excellent communication skills. The salary will depend on experience and this position will remain open until filled. Send your resumes to: Debra Breidenbach-Sterling, Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, P. O. Box 846, Coachella, CA 92236 or email [dsterling@augustinetribe.com](mailto:dsterling@augustinetribe.com)

## **Miscellaneous Items of Interest**



### **New Tribal Energy Project (TEP) website**

All TEPs funded through the program are now accessible geographically on a U.S. state map. Projects can also be found under the Tribe's name, year of award, type of project, and technology. See

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>



### **EPA finalizes clean air plan for Four Corners Power Plant**

EPA finalized a clean air plan that regulates emissions for the Four Corners Power Plant located on the Navajo Nation near Farmington, NM. The plan contains federal emission limits for sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, total particulate matter, opacity, and dust control requirements. It also includes significant sulfur dioxide reductions from the facility's historic highs at the 5-unit 2,040 megawatt Four Corners plant, which began operations in 1962. The reductions are the result of a partnership between the Navajo Nation, the Arizona Public Service, the National Park Service, Environmental Defense, Western Resource Advocates, and New Mexico Citizens for Clean Air and Water. Additional information on the plan is available on the EPA's Web site at:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/air/navajo/index.html>. This action is not related to the air quality permit for the proposed Desert Rock power plant. EPA is currently evaluating public comments on the proposed Desert Rock permit. Information about the proposed permit can be viewed online at

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/air/permit/desertrock/index.html/>



### **Recently released reports by EPA Office of Inspector General**

"Promoting Tribal Success in EPA Programs," dated May 3, 2007,

<http://www.epa.gov/oig/reports/2007/20070503-2007-P-00022.pdf>

"Tribal Successes: Protecting the Environment and Natural Resources," dated May 2007,

<http://www.epa.gov/oig/reports/2007/20070503-2007-P-00022JT.pdf>

Check out these reports by visiting: <http://www.epa.gov/oig> and go to "Recent Releases:"





### **State Water Resources Control Board**

A Notice of Public Workshop on Suction Dredge Mining is being held on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Resources Building in Sacramento. The comment deadline is June 22, 2007 by noon. For more information contact Song Her, 916-341-5600; [sher@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:sher@waterboards.ca.gov) or go to [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cwa401/docs/suctiondredge/pn\\_workshop\\_suction.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cwa401/docs/suctiondredge/pn_workshop_suction.pdf)

### **Native American children help prevent asthma attacks by delivering the Goldfish message**

The Ad Council and EPA are charting new territory by reaching out to Native American communities with culturally-tailored asthma messages in three tribal languages. Using the Goldfish asthma media campaign as the vehicle, this groundbreaking effort required a collaborative team between the Ad Council, the Aberdeen Tribal Chairman's Health Board, EPA's Region 8 and ORIA, to communicate with millions of Native Americans about ways to prevent asthma attacks. Several Native American children joined the collaboration by speaking and performing in their native languages for the radio public service announcements (PSA) produced in Navajo, Lakota and Anishnabe. These culturally-relevant PSAs will be broadcast in Native American communities to help raise awareness and promote actions to improve asthma outcomes. According to the Centers for Disease Control, Native Americans and Alaskan Natives report more asthma attacks and symptoms than other sub-groups. By producing Native American radio PSAs, the campaign continues to evolve and reach out in unique ways. The core campaign products are available in English and Spanish for TV, radio, newspaper, magazine, bus transit, billboard, school poster and web banner.

### **Tribal Resource Directory for Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment**

This directory highlights more than 30 federal and non-federal programs that provide funding and technical assistance for tribal drinking water and wastewater systems. It is accessible by going to <http://www.epa.gov/owm/mab/indian/tribal-resource-directory.html>. The Web site features a simple search tool, program fact sheets, examples of tribal success stories, and allows printing of a pdf copy of the Directory. Hard-copies will be distributed widely to federally recognized tribes, EPA Regional Indian Coordinators, and tribal assistance providers. Copies of the Tribal Resource Directory (EPA 832-R-06-007) will also be available from the National Service Center for Environmental Publications starting in mid-December. To order paper copies, call: 1-800-490-9198.

### **Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook**

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

### **Consulting with Indian Tribal Governments at Superfund Sites: A Beginner's Booklet**

If you have questions concerning this booklet or would like to obtain a copy, please contact Nick Rebek, State, Tribe, and Site Identification Branch, 703-603-8811

### **Logo Requests**

Tribes interested in having their logo featured on the EPA Tribal Program Web site may email a copy to Tina L. Williams, GAP Project Officer at [williams.tina@epa.gov](mailto:williams.tina@epa.gov). For questions, please call her at 415-972-3784. The electronic logs will be used only for display purposes on the EPA Region 9 Web site. To view logos featured, go to the following link: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>

**Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff**

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

**America's Children and the Environment Web site**

This Web site provides measures of environmental factors related to the health and well being of children in the United States. The Web site shows trends in environmental contaminant levels in air, water, food, and soil; concentrations of contaminants measured in the bodies of children and women; and childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposure to environmental contaminants. Ultimately these measurements will help guide efforts to minimize environmental impacts on the nation's children and also will form discussions among policymakers and the public about how to improve federal data. The updated measures are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children>

**American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)**

AIEO has published the first EPA Tribal Program Enterprise Architecture (TPEA) tribal data newsletter. The purpose for this quarterly newsletter is to publish information about the work of TPEA. AIEO hopes to develop partnerships with parties that are interested in sharing information and ongoing experiences with data collection and information management. To view this newsletter click on <http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm> or to obtain copies email [liu.ed@epa.gov](mailto:liu.ed@epa.gov) or call 202-564-0287.

**Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM)**

The Grants Administration Division (GAD) of OARM is issuing a Statement of Work (SOW) to provide administrative and financial systems assistance and advice to Tribes. They are particularly interested in SBA 8(A) firms. This SOW is the one for which GAD has allotted yearly funding. Annual funding levels are anticipated between \$200,000 and \$400,000, with actual levels depending on the Agency's budget situation. It also could go higher in the event that other programs would like to join forces and supply funds as well. If anyone has any questions, please contact Glen Langlois at 202-564-5296 or via email at [langlois.glen@epa.gov](mailto:langlois.glen@epa.gov).

**Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)**

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

**National Response Center (NRC):**

The NRC is the sole federal point of contact for reporting oil and chemical spills. To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675 or visit their Web page at: <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil> and click on services and web reports. The NRC operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

**Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ**

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California, and Carson City, Nevada who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident in Arizona.

### **Inspector Credentials**

Compliance assurance in Indian country is a national EPA priority. Region 9 is working toward improvement of the capacity of tribes to implement compliance assurance and enforcement programs by providing training for tribal environmental professionals and authorizing tribal inspectors to do federal inspections. Region 9 has increased the number of authorized inspectors from 3 to 7 and has Authorization Agreements in place with Navajo Nation for the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and with the Salt River-Pima Tribe for FIFRA. Additional opportunities are being developed to increase the number of credentialed tribal inspectors. For more information, please contact Angela Baranco, 415-947-4262 or [baranco.angela@epa.gov](mailto:baranco.angela@epa.gov).

### **Department of Agricultural (USDA)**



#### **USDA's Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program**

The Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program, funded by the USDA Rural Business and Cooperative Service assists tribal communities in promoting economic growth and development by improving transportation services. The program provides planning assistance for facilities development, transit service improvements and expansion, new system start-up, policy and procedure development, marketing, transportation coordination, training and public transit problem solving activities. Deadlines are on a rolling basis. For more information, visit <http://www.ctaa.org/techassist/usda/M-STAPPN.pdf>



#### **Policy Update - USDA Rural Development Housing Programs**

Nearly half U.S. Senate signed a request for funding USDA Rural Development housing programs to the Appropriations Subcommittee. The bipartisan letter was spearheaded by Senators Chuck Schumer and Olympia Snowe. It asks for \$1.25 billion for Section 502 direct mortgage loans, \$100 million for Section 515 rural rental housing, \$60 million for Self Help Housing, and \$50 million for farm labor housing. Let your legislators know what you think. The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 is up for renewal this year. The Agriculture Committees in Congress have begun debating ideas and crafting legislation. In a recent publication, USDA's Economic Research Service analysts examine the economic effects of current farm legislation on producers, consumers, taxpayers, and rural communities, and evaluate potential effects of alternative policies and programs. See <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Features/FarmBill2007/>

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### **Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs**



<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html#leads>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>  
[http://www.wiyot.us/River\\_Summit.htm](http://www.wiyot.us/River_Summit.htm)  
[http://www.iiirm.org/news/2006/news\\_october\\_2006.htm](http://www.iiirm.org/news/2006/news_october_2006.htm)  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-signed-memo.pdf>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-final.pdf>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-a.pdf>  
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<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>  
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<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>  
<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>  
<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>  
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<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/pdf/gap-water-activities-factsheet.pdf>  
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>  
Storm Water: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/cacompassvol1no1.pdf>  
Healthcare: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/cacompass2-2006.pdf>  
Educational Facilities: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/cacompassvol2no2.pdf>  
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Emergency Planning & Response <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html#leads>